

# Tattersall's NEWS



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## Tattersall's celebrates special Centenary

A great event for the club, and a most important one as it celebrates 100 years of Tattersall's Club operations under its own Act of Parliament, will be the Centenary of the Tattersall's Act of Parliament Luncheon, to be held on May 4 in the first floor Club Room.

The Club was very proud to have its own Act of Parliament, which was assented to on May 4, 1888 and in this year of the nation's Bicentenary, the Committee felt it gave extra cause for celebration with the acknowledgement of the Centenary of the Tattersall's Club Act.

The first floor Club Room has been set aside for members and

guests to join together for a luncheon to reflect on the history of the club, its standing in the community and the many, many fine upstanding members who have contributed to the life of the club since its conception in 1858, through to the formalisation of the Tattersall's Club Act in 1888 and those members who have carried it through to the present 1988.

It will also be the first occasion since the redevelopment announcement where members can gather together to look forward to the future as the club ventures forth into its new chapter in history.

The Chairman and Committee are very mindful that it is the members

who make the club what it is and they look forward to having you join them at the luncheon on May 4 in the Club Room at 12.30pm for 1.00pm. Full details are contained in the "Dates for your diary" column in this issue.

## The editor's farewell

After almost two and a half years as editor of Tattersall's News, this is my final newsletter.

It is therefore a good moment to express my appreciation of the help, friendship and support I have had over this period from the members of the club. This applies particularly to the chairmen of the committee in charge of the publication, originally Neville Amy, later Anthony Berkman, and today, Malcolm Stening. Their guidance and assistance has always been crucial to getting the newsletter out each month.

I am also extremely grateful to those sporting club chairmen and secretaries whose regular contributions have provided the meat of each and every issue — Alan Ball and before him, the late Sam Block for swimming, Arthur O'Connor, Handball, Doug Jordan and Sid Lane for Snooker, Norm Rogers and Tony McSweeney on racing, Tim Anderson for bowls, Basil Phillips on the Epicureans, Rod Fisher for golf and others.

My best wishes to you all and to the club for the future.

Mark Stead

## Keen contests in the pool

Attendances at the pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays have been very good during recent weeks and the races have been keenly contested.

The fifth monthly points score for the Dewars Trophy resulted in a win for David O'Dowd with an almost perfect score of 40 points. He was in the finals in each of the four weeks. However the Handicapper thinks he has caught up with him at last.

Some old members, long absent from the pool, made welcome reappearances; namely Russell Debney, Greg Gould and Bill Penfold. All of them managed to greet the judge at least once since their return.

A few new members have also joined the regulars to take advantage of the generous handicaps available to all honest swimmers.

The point scores are dominated by the regular swimmers and at March 3 they stood as follows:

## RESULTS

### Points for the season:

Rick Glover, 120; Mel Holecek, 112.5; John Nicholas, 98; Terry Forrest, 94.5; Rob Farrell, 93; Bill Debney, 91; Ted Joye, 86.

### Wins

Mel Holecek, 5.5; John Nicholas, 5.5; Rick Glover, 5; Bill Debney, 4; Mike Gillis, 4; Mike McCormack, 4; John McCosker, 4.

### Four Lap Events

#### Points for the season

John Barrell, 109; John Nicholas, 96; Terry Forrest, 86; Andrew Torok, 79.5; Bill Debney, 78; Rob Farrell, 78; Ken Glover, 76; Stuart

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Bowls programme:** April 7 Social, matches, Double Bay; April 14 Social, matches, City; April 21 Social, matches, Double Bay; April 28 Social, matches, Double Bay; May 5, Social, matches, Double Bay.

**Centenary of Tattersall's Act Luncheon.** Wednesday, May 4, Club Room, First Floor, 12.30pm for 1.00pm Guest Speaker and other details and bookings through the Club Office. Cost \$30.00 per person.

# Eddie Charlton assures interest

Eddie Charlton's presence in the 1988 Tattersall's Club Snooker Tournament will assure us of great interest in the event. Nominations, which closed on March 25, have surpassed last year's total of 110.

The sale of tickets has reached record numbers, ensuring 1988 will be the biggest Tattersall's Snooker Tournament of all time.

The auction will be conducted on the first floor on May 2 and members will receive invitations to be "guests" of your Snooker sub-Committee for this function which begins with drinks at 6.15pm, followed by a three-course dinner at 7pm. The auction follows at 8pm.

The draw to bring the number to the final 32 will be conducted at the conclusion of the auction.

A calling of the card will be made at a date to be fixed when the last 32 is decided.

## Billiards

The annual billiards has drawn a large number of players. This event will be in progress a fortnight before the Snooker begins.

We have a beautiful array of trophies exhibited in our show case on the second floor, as the photograph in this issue shows.

Trophies have been donated by a number of club members, including:

**Peter Twigg**, who has provided a set of Waterford goblets as the Ken McDonald Memorial Trophy second prize for the snooker;

**George Mousally**, who has provided his traditional Cup for the winner of any two annual handicaps, plus a mantle clock as a trophy for the Snooker Handicap and a set of six silver goblets as the Billiards Handicap Trophy;

**Bill Hurley and Bruce McHugh**, who have given their traditional canteen of cutlery as a first prize for the Snooker Handicap and

**Syd Lane**, our former Snooker Secretary, who has donated a leather brief bag and writing case as a second prize in the Billiards Handicap.

We have been conducting a series of singles tournaments for 16 players. It is proving a huge success, being two frames aggregate score off club handicaps.

Barry Cooper defeated John Hawkins in the first tournament, making Barry the biggest winner for the 1987-88 period.

Ron Rogers, who won our 1986



*A magnificent cabinet of trophies, awaiting the winners and runners-up in the Club Snooker and Billiards Handicap Tournaments.*

Tournament and ran third in the 1987 Tournament, is a finalist in the second competition.

The Ansett Holiday Monthly Pairs, played over six months, has seen Ken Upton and Brian Creed win the first two competitions. Four more remain and we look forward to continued patronage of members in this tournament.

## Backgammon

The Backgammon Tournament conducted by **Digger Lobb** has been very successful. Peter Korda and Vin Hrouda are to play off in the final.

Looking forward to seeing all tournament participants and invited members at our auction night.

**Doug Jordan**

## New Members

The following new members have been welcomed to the club since the publication of the last newsletter:

**Anthony John Abbott**, Journalist, The Bulletin.

**Andrew Richard Amer**, Management Consultant, Price Waterhouse Urwick.

**Lawrence James Anthony**, Stockbroker, Merrill Lynch.

**David Robert Lethbridge Bell**, Part time law student, law clerk, F. A. & J. F. Newnham.

**Stephen John Cook**, Accountant, Morgan Guaranty Aust. Ltd.

**Christopher Michael Fehon**, Finance Consultant, Privest Ltd.

**Kenneth Charles Girvan**, ANZ Banking Group Ltd.

**Christopher Mark Gorman**, Company broker, Westpac Futures Ltd.

**William John Gough**, Business Executive, Pirvest Inc.

**Jeffrey David Lister**, Chartered Accountant and Chartered Secretary, Coleman and Lister.

**Bruce William McLeod**, Director, Privest Ltd.

**Charles James Mills**, Caltex Oil Aust. Pty. Ltd.

**Steve Paton**, Real Estate Agent, Richardson and Wrench.

**Andrew John Richardson**,

Economist/property consultant, Richardson Group of Companies.

**Serge Joseph Robert**, Executive Vice-President, Mastercard International.

**Harjeet Singh Brar**, Finance Director, World's Finest Chocolates.

**Herbert Harold Smart**, Director, HBR Holdings Pty. Ltd. and Smart Enterprises Pty. Ltd.

**Alfred John Stammers**, Solicitor, Dawson Waldron.

**Geoffrey Charles Wild**, Director, Clemenger Sydney Pty. Ltd.

## Life Member

Club Secretary/Manager, Mr Norman Smith has been elected a Life Member of Tattersall's Club. The Chairman, David Dransfield and the Committee gave a boardroom luncheon for Norman to celebrate the occasion on March 22.

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McAllum, 76; Garry Wilson, 74; Rod Austin, 73; John Barker 71.

**Wins**

**Terry Forrest**, 8; **John Barrell**, 6; **Ken Glover**, 6; **John Nicholas**, 6; **Rod Austin**, 5; **John Barker**, 5; **Paul Donohoe**, 5; **Andrew Torok**, 5; **Garry Wilson**, 5; **Tony Anderson**, 4.5.

# Rugby Dinner proves great innovation

So great was the sporting interest in the club's inaugural Rugby League Dinner at the end of February that Doug Jordan and the other organisers had to move it from their traditional venue for snooker functions of the same sort, the second floor restaurant, downstairs into the First Floor Club Room.

Snooker and Racing Chairman, Peter Twigg, was the Chairman for the event and gave credit for creating it to Norman Rogers.

Members were particularly pleased to see Norman Rogers ("the old B... who's done a Lazarus to be here tonight", as Peter Twigg put it) back on deck, at least two stones lighter after his recent illness.

As Peter added, "Reports of his potential moribundity proved to be greatly exaggerated."

After a particularly good club dinner of oysters, rare roast beef and cheeses, Doug Jordan got down to the task of hearing and recording

opinions as to the likely results of both the Australian Rules and the Rugby League football competitions.

Tattersall's members seemed to be a bit shy about making any firm statements of opinion as to what might happen in Victoria, but the evening livened up considerably during discussion of the New South Wales based Rugby League Winfield Cup Contest.

After the event, Doug Jordan declared the evening an outstanding success which will in future be an annual event.

Some 80 members attended the dinner, but Doug Jordan felt the number would be at least doubled in the future as all club members became aware of the event, which was something of an experiment this time.

"This time we have only seen the tip of the iceberg," Doug commented.

"There was a handsome profit for the club and we all have great expectations for the future."

The evening concluded with Peter Twigg offering the members' congratulations to long-time member Jack Chown who was present at the dinner and had (according to Peter) just reached his 90th birthday.

## Golf Notes

Congratulations to Roy Cato — Champion for 1987. Roy led home a strong field, many years his junior with a 79 to defeat 1986 Champ, Kevin Simmonds on 82. Roy should soon be shooting his age.

The Veterans was won by last year's runner-up, Ken Murdon with Ralph Davies second on 88.

In the four-ball the old firm of Rod Fisher and Tony Mayo scraped in on a count-back over the last six holes from the even older firm of Ian MacAskill and Chris Meagher, both pairs having 48 points with 26 each on the back nine.

Many thanks to Royal Sydney for allowing us to play our Championships on their fine course and we wish them well for this year's Bicentennial Open.

*Rod Fisher*

## Planning a Function?

Our Club Room may only be available for a few more months, so now is the time to plan what may be your last function in it.

The Club Room is still one of the finest function rooms in Sydney, easily taking up to 250 guests for a dinner or up to 400 for a cocktail party.

It has an absolutely splendid atmosphere for a wedding reception.

So build a bit of Tattersall's nostalgia into your future life. You won't be able to hold your big event there for too much longer.

And of course, for smaller gatherings, Tattersall's has a number of other function rooms, including the dining room, all of which can put a special glow on your special event, whether it be the celebration of a 21st birthday, the birth of a grandchild or a big win at the races.



*Enjoying a drink before the Rugby League Dinner, Committeeman Doug Donaldson, left, with Peter Hine, George Mousally, Tom Longworth and Chairman of the dinner, Peter Twigg.*



*Back at the club for the Rugby League Dinner after his illness, Norman Rogers, second from left back row, with Robert Kauzlaric, left, Bill Blakemore, Bob Abbott and Bob Callaghan, and in front, Arthur O'Connor, left, Jack Chown, centre and Max Sernack, right.*

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# Jack Chown — 53 years a member

Like Norman Rogers' supposed moribundity (see the Rugby League Dinner report in this issue) and Mark Twain's death, news of Jack Chown's 90th birthday was somewhat exaggerated, as the newsletter editor found out when he went to Jack's office to congratulate him.

In fact, Jack Chown, member of the club since 1935 and possibly the club's longest serving member with 53 years on the board, won't be 90 until July 15, when he will no doubt receive congratulations from everybody in the club that day.

Jack is now a Life Member of Tattersall's Club and has visited the club almost every working day for many years.

He used to be an enthusiastic race follower, an interest which started as a teenager, but gave that up "when I finally saw the light in 1957," he says. "I gave plenty to the bookies over those years." He was always an enthusiastic golfer and billiards and snooker player, but gave up playing all three games about five years ago. He says he was no longer hitting a golf ball far enough.

However, in the club he is usually to be found on the second floor and he is still a Senior Vice President and Life Member of the Australian Golf Club. He is also a member of the Royal Sydney Golf Club.

Jack's handicap used to be five and he comments that the Australian, in his opinion is now the best but most difficult course in Australia.

So he only goes to the clubs these days for social functions.

At Tattersall's, of course, Jack's name is inscribed on the Snooker Handicap Championship Board for a win in 1972 when he was 73 years old.

Today, like his fellow veteran champion with the cue, George Mousally, Jack sponsors club tournament events instead of competing in them and each year provides the for the Jack Chown Christmas event on the second floor.

Jack is also well known for supporting sporting causes through Tattersall's Club, and at the luncheon to raise funds for the Commonwealth Games in 1986, donated hundreds of dollars to the cause by way of a successful bid for



*Jack Chown, OBE.*

an item of sporting memorabilia.

Jack Chown also established a considerable reputation in business. The Sydney-born son of English and Scottish migrants who arrived here at the turn of the century, Jack lived at Stanmore and attended Sydney Grammar School.

In the 1930s he founded A.J.Chown Holdings Ltd., the merchant and importer which became listed on the Sydney Stock Exchange and was taken over by Burns Philp Ltd in the late 1960s.

However that did not mean retirement for Jack Chown. He still goes to his office every day, in a new building in York Street, not 200 yards from the old Chown Building.

Jack says he doesn't make too many plans for the future these days. "I feel I'm on borrowed time, so I take it one day at a time and bless every day," he comments.

"However I am glad the club is going to have another year or so in its present building and after that, I will be hoping to be around still for the opening of our new premises in two or three years' time."

## When you visit Hong Kong

An affiliated club which should be on most Tattersall's members' visiting list sooner or later is the Hong Kong Cricket Club, which although being some six miles from the island's central business district, is ultra-modern and has a wonderful outlook through the Gap to the Harbour and beyond to Kowloon and the New Territories.

The modern clubhouse opened in 1975 and offers facilities and bars for adults, families, a children's room and a restaurant with European and Chinese cuisine.

The club's poolside cafeteria offers waiter service; there is a roof bar and even a special children's swimming pool.

Needless to say, the club is very strong on cricket with six teams playing on Saturdays and Sundays, but it also offers lawn bowls, tennis, squash and croquet. Bridge, darts, snooker, swimming, yoga, aerobics and other sports and recreations are catered for.

For racing enthusiasts, the Hong Kong Cricket Club operates boxes at both Shatin and Happy Valley Races.

Final facility offered by the club is its own bar in the city — the Chinnery Bar at the Mandarin Hotel, which becomes the Cricket Club bar from 5pm on Monday to Friday and from 2pm each Saturday.

Tattersall's members about to visit Hong Kong, should ask Margaret Bell for a look at the Pink 'Un, the Hong Kong Cricket Club monthly magazine, a copy of which is filed in the office.

Of his 53 years of membership of Tattersall's Club, Jack says: "I've had very good friends in Tattersall's Club over the years. My membership has been many years of happy association with the club."

### *Bowls programme*

April 7 Social, matches, Double Bay;  
April 14 Social, matches, City;  
April 21 Social, matches, Double Bay;  
April 28 Social, matches, Double Bay;  
May 5, Social, matches, Double Bay;  
May 12, Social, matches, City;

May 19 Social, matches, Double Bay;  
May 24 Match v City Tatts, Hunters Hill, lunch at 12pm;  
June 2 Social, matches, Double Bay;  
June 9 Social, matches, City;  
June 16 Social, matches, Double Bay;  
June 23 Social, matches, Double Bay;  
June 30, Social, matches, Double Bay.